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Hotline Summary
H20100664

Opened: 4/2/2010

Pending:

Closed: 4/2/2010

SUMMARY COMMENT:

The Office of Investigations received information from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding possible contract irregularities concerning DOS contracts awarded to Vista Construction of Illinois, owned by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was awarded a design/build contract to build 18 residential properties in Belmopan, Belize, over a 10-year period at an annual cost to the government of \$2.5 million dollars. The government would not own the buildings; rather it would be subject to a 10-year lease costing \$25 million dollars. After ten years, the lease would be renegotiated. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also reported that DOS recently awarded an operations and maintenance contract to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for \$600,000 annually.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is suspicious of the "sweetheart" contracts awarded to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) particularly since he is under federal investigation for bribing Army officials approximately \$270,000 to bolster his company prospects and improperly inflating the cost of hurricane protection work his company performed on a New Orleans-area levee.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) in Belize, may be able to provide some background information on the DOS contracts awarded to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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**Hotline Summary
H20110505**

Opened: 2/14/2011

Pending:

Closed: 2/14/2011

SUMMARY COMMENT:

The Office of Investigations received an email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] is forwarding a letter from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] who alleged corruption and bribery at the U.S. Embassy in Kiev. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] was denied entry because she would not pay a bride. The email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] is below and [REDACTED] complaint is attached:

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 9:08 AM

To: OIG Hotline (State)

Subject: FW: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, December 10, 2010 10:39 AM

To: 'oighotline@state.gov'

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Subject: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Follow up from 11/4/10 without response.

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 9:13 AM

To: 'oighotline@state.gov'

Subject: FW: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Hello,

Per VisaNet, I am forwarding the attached correspondence to your office for review and response. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

U.S. Senator Carl Levin

477 Michigan Avenue Room 1860

Detroit, MI 48226

313-226-(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (phone)

313-226-6534 (fax)

From: VisaNet [mailto:VISANET@state.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 3:44 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Thank you for contacting VisaNet.

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If your constituent has proof of corruption and bribery at the U.S. Embassy in Kiev, we suggest he contacts the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) at 800 409 9926, or 202 647 3320, or send an email to oighotline@state.gov

All applicants applying for a visa at a U.S. Embassy Consulate are interviewed by Consular Officers.

We searched the State Department consular database and found that on 07 October 2010, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was refused a visa under Section 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Under this provision, each applicant is presumed to be an intending immigrant. The consular officer is obligated to assume that each applicant for a visitor visa is ineligible until he or she proves otherwise. The INA presumes that every applicant intends to immigrate to the United States, and the law places the burden of disproving this assumption on the applicant alone.

When evaluating whether an applicant has established eligibility, a consular officer looks at the purpose of the visit and for palpable reasons a person would return to his or her own country. In doing this, the officer takes into consideration the totality of an applicant's situation, including family, community, professional, property, and economic ties to the applicant's home country as well as any ties to the U.S. Because each individual's situation is different, there is no list of characteristics that will, in any given case, constitute the proof needed to overcome the presumption of immigrant intent in the INA. In the case of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) she was unable to establish to the satisfaction of the consular officer that she qualified for a visitor visa.

Please keep in mind that sole authority for issuance (and refusal) of visas lie with consular officers at U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. VisaNet is not authorized to override decisions made by consular officers overseas. The law stresses that there is no appeal for the denial of a visitor's visa. However, the refusal of a visitor visa is not permanent, and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is welcome to reapply for a visa at any time should her circumstances change, or if she believes she can present

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additional evidence to demonstrate her eligibility for the visa.

We recommend, however, that individuals who wish to reapply do so only if they can present new, or more compelling evidence to overcome the previous grounds of refusal. Please be aware that nonimmigrant visa applicants worldwide are charged a \$140 non-refundable fee each time a visa application is submitted. This is an application fee only and is charged whether or not a visa is issued. The fee covers the processing of the application. We assure you that any future visa application submitted by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will be given every possible consideration consistent with U. S. immigration law.

I hope this information is helpful, and we regret that we cannot provide you with a more substantive response at this time.

Sincerely,

(b) (6), (b) (7)

(b) (6), (b) (7)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Office of Public and Diplomatic Liaison

Visa Office, Bureau of Consular Affairs

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U.S. Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Email: VisaNet@state.gov

Website: www.travel.state.gov

VisaNet contact information, and congressional email addresses to U.S. Consulates are for Congressional use, exclusively.

Please note that the information regarding this visa application is protected from disclosure under Section 222(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1202(f), and, in accordance with that law, may only be used for the "formulation, amendment, administration, or enforcement of the immigration, nationality, or other laws of the United States." Since you have inquired on behalf of the applicant, our disclosure to you of information in his/her visa record is consistent with INA Section 222(f), 8 U.S.C. 1202(f), and you may share this information with your constituent, who wrote to you on behalf of the visa applicant.

This email is Sensitive but Unclassified based on the definitions provided in 12 FAM 540

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 2:55 PM

To: VisaNet

Subject: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Hello,

I wanted to forward the attached correspondence from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) As you will note, he alleges corruption and bribery are taking place at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv. In addition, can you please confirm if (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed for a nonimmigrant visa? If so, was she interviewed by a U.S. consular officer or a local employee? Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

U.S. Senator Carl Levin

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**Hotline Summary
H20161426**

Opened: 6/28/2016

Pending:

Closed: 6/28/2016

SUMMARY COMMENT:

The attached Hotline complaint was submitted by an anonymous complainant alleging that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] has been committing disability fraud by working while on disability and receiving payment (cash) under the table.

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Hotline Summary
H20110812

Opened: 4/4/2011

Pending:

Closed: 4/4/2011

SUMMARY COMMENT:

The Office of Inspector General Hotline received an email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stating the following:

"Our son-in-law, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), had an interview (the last of many) at the Consulate in Lagos with a Black American. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was told by the consulate officer, "Tell your wife (in America) to send us something." (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said, "What do you mean?" Officer, "Just have her send us something." Are we talking about a BRIBE? (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had done everything they asked honestly and still being denied visa. Please investigate this situation. Thanks."

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Hotline Summary
H20111628

Opened: 8/18/2011

Pending:

Closed: 8/22/2011

SUMMARY COMMENT:

Please be advised that on Thursday, August 18, 2011, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) received an email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who is the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at U.S. Embassy Yerevan, Armenia and he stated the following:

I was contacted a few days ago by my foreign service national investigator inside the US Embassy in Yerevan and was told that a friend of his contacted him and provided the following information. According to the friend, 3 vendors (regarding translation services to the US Embassy) advised him that someone inside the US Embassy in Yerevan had been requesting and receiving bribes from them in order for these vendors to remain employed by the US Embassy. The vendors advised that they wanted to speak to the security chief in the Embassy only, and also wanted guarantees that they'll remain employed to do business with the Embassy. They indicated that if they don't get this guarantee, they will not come forward.

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Opened: 3/13/2012

Pending:

Closed: 3/14/2012

SUMMARY COMMENT:

The Office of Investigations received a complaint from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding what he believes were "cruel and inhuman activities" by staff at the U.S. Embassy in Guangzhou, China, concerning his fiancée's, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), K-1 visa petition (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) suspects the behavior/actions taken by embassy staff were attempts to set up (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) so that they could solicit her for a bribe. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) petition was submitted in 2006, he eventually cancelled it for lack of progress in 2009. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following comments:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had to attend a second interview in GuangZhou US Embassy on May 24 2007. In the second interview I had to contribute some documents of the relative of my former wife. I added my documents and my part of the interview was complete. During the second interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had a chance to talk to the fingerprint clerk and got his phone number. In the attached email from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) admitted to having communicated with the fingerprint clerk after she left the Embassy. In her email, GZF stands for "GuangZhou friend". I am not able to get the name of the fingerprint clerk. But there must be only one fingerprint clerk who was working at the GuangZhou Embassy between 2008 and 2009. The fingerprint clerk told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that he can help her check on the status of her case. The fingerprint clerk said there is a computer terminal in the directors office that can fetch her case using the receipt number or her name. In fact the computer terminal can fetch everyone traveling in and out of China including celebrities and high profile clients.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) cell phone number was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) email is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Due to time constraints and I was working full time, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not tell me exactly what she talked about with the fingerprint clerk and the director. But I imagine (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) called the fingerprint clerk, and the fingerprint clerk fetched her case. If this is true then there must be some computer log that shows someone fetched her case many times in

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) after the second interview.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) talked to the fingerprint clerk and the fingerprint clerk then talked with the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) then told (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) her K1 visa application would never be approved because I have been married and divorced three times. The director told her to use the application for greencard by marriage instead which will take altogether 51 days. I thought my initial application for the K1 visa already entered all of my marriages and were approved in Vermont. The application process through GuangZhou but eventually the final approval will be made in Vermont. That way, it is impossible for officials at GuangZhou to ask the client for bribery.

The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) acted like he decides who get approved. The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was very determine to show off he knows a lot about immigration. The director did not know about the immigration realities in the USA. Some suggestions he made just do not work. Such as calling the US Passport office to speed up the delivery of visa. I suspect the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was trying to sell some fraudulent scam services to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). By intimidating (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) forced her to make the wrong choices. I think after the second interview, the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) held on to her case for eight months in order to generate anxiety and caused (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to think there were something wrong with her case. I think the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tried very hard to find excuses or to generate fear so that he can ask (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to pay bribery.

After eight months, the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not find anything wrong with our case and could not find where they can provide any special services. Eight months after the second interview it was already Chinese New Year. During Chinese New Year holiday non-business hours, the fingerprint clerk called (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at her home in Beijing. He asked a couple of questions about my current location. He talked for a long time. I find that to be highly unusual. I guess each year millions of Chinese get their visas to go to other countries. The fingerprint clerk could not possibly have called even a small fraction of them. But yet he has time to make such a long personal conversation with my fiancée (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

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Are these embassy practices sanctioned by the US Immigration services ?

Is the USCIS using such tactics as a means of ruining my fiancée petitions ?

If that is the case why did the USCIS not fail my initial fiancée petition back in 2005 so that we do not have to wait for four years. The way you carry out such interviews and the intentional long delays show that the country USA does not respect human rights.

The last divorce was beyond my control. The ex-wife offered to pay me a bribe in exchange for immigration benefits. I reported that bribery and the USCIS had investigated that case already. I need to know so that I can make my future plans correctly. I need to know if I am eligible to apply for my fiancée or wife to come and join me to live in the USA."

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following contact information:

Email address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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H20111403

Opened: 7/5/2011

Pending:

Closed: 8/5/2011

SUMMARY COMMENT:

Please be advised that on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, the Office of Investigations received an email from an FSN at U.S. Embassy Antananarivo, Madagascar who elects to remain anonymous and states the following:

The (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has been asking for bribes from employees before she will allow them to apply for jobs, CAJE their positions or give them promotions. For a recent job as management assistant, one woman named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) refused to pay so she was told she was not eligible by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) went to the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) he put her on the application list. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also is asking employees for money to do the CAJE on the jobs and if the employee does not pay, their job is not upgraded.

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Hotline Summary
H20111400

Opened: 7/5/2011

Pending:

Closed: 8/5/2011

SUMMARY COMMENT:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, Tom Burgess forwarded information to the Office of Investigations from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a staffer with Rep. Jim Cooper (HOCR) who packaged information from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), an immigration attorney and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), their client-constituent who is complaining about an impending immigrant/fiance not being granted a visa. Her name is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). In his email, Ms. Burgess mentions that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said he had handled numerous cases like this in the past, but he indicated he believed there might be some indications of visa fraud in the CA operation at the Embassy Djibouti. Moreover, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is claiming fraud. The second to the last page of the pdf (attached) mentions an alleged bribe.

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